

January 13, 2017

Letter of Appeal
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communication Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of Request for Review of the Universal Service Administrator, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism.
CC Docket No.02-6

In re: **St Thomas School**
Billed Entity Number: 17007133
Appellant: E Rate Solutions Group
Fund Year: 2016 FCC Form 471:161057567, 161029872 and 161056981

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is a "Letter For a Waiver of the 60 day time to file an appeal for 471 App's listed above1. The application was denied on 11/14/16. The application should not have been denied as the applicant/consultant was not given a proper opportunity to submit the basic information that was requested –The reviewer was unable to make successful contact to obtain the enclosed basic information. In addition, due to various system issues, EPC changes and maint.

Therefore, since the application should not have been denied and the EPC system should have been more reliable and accessible that the enclosed information should be accepted. Please accept this appeal which is only two days late due to the issues raised above so that the school is not penalized. In addition the EPC system was down on January 13, 2017 and the FC filing system would not allow files to be attached on January 14, 2017.

I believe that the intent of the program is to make sure all eligible schools and libraries receive phone, internet access and internal networking equipment maintenance services as well as internal networking equipment. This school should not be penalized due to any delays in providing requested information which was beyond their control. I sincerely hope that this material will be reviewed and the application reviewed on the information previously provided.

Thank you,

Katherine M. Weiss

Consultant
